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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR TRAINING OF QATAR POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE
UNITED STATES

1. THE COMMANDANT OF THE QATAR POLICE, SHAYKH (BRIGADIER)
HAMAD BIN JASIM AL THANI, HAS OFFICIALLY/INFORMALLY REQUESTED
THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THE TRAINING OF THREE
POLICEMEN IN THE UNITED STATES, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1975.
ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR
(GOQ).

2. THE NOMINEES ARE:

A) ALI BIN SULTAN MUHAMMAD HAMZA AL KAWARI, AGE 20, UNMARRIED;
HOLDER OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.
HE WOULD STUDY TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

B) SIB'AN MISMAR MABRUK; AGE 20, HOLDER OF SECONDARY SCHOOL
CERTIFICATE, INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

C) ABD AL RAHMAN IBRAHIM ABDULLAH AL MUDALAL, AGE 19, HOLDER
OF SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT. BOTH
MABRUK AND AL MUDALAL WOULD STUDY TRAFFIC CONTROL ENGINEERING
AND RELATED SUBJECTS. ALL THREE OF THE STUDENTS WILL REQUIRE
INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING BEFORE BEGINNING THEIR
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SPECIALIZED COURSES.

3. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE WITH THE IMPLICIT SUGGESTION THAT IT IS MEANT TO DIVERSIFY QATARI POLICE FORCE'S EXPOSURE TO OTHER THAN BRITISH PERSONNEL AND TECHNIQUES, AND SPECIFICALLY TO GIVE IT THE BENEFIT OF WORKING WITH AMERICANS. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE THAT A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST COULD INFLUENCE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO SPEND A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THEIR LARGE EQUIPMENT/ TRAINING BUDGET IN THE UNITED STATES. WHILE THE BRIGADIER MADE NO SPECIFIC CONNECTION, HE DID MENTION THE FACT THAT HE WAS PLANNING, AGAINST SOME DIFFICULT OPPOSITION, TO DIVERSIFY SOURCES OF PROCUREMENT. HE MENTIONED THE FACT THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE QATARIS HAVE TOO LONG DEPENDED ON THE BRITISH FOR ALMOST ALL OF THEIR MANPOWER, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THINGS A BIT MORE BALANCED.

4. ALTHOUGH THE CANDIDATES MAY APPEAR TO BE VERY YOUNG, IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR MID-TWENTIES AND VERY EARLY THIRTIES TO HOLD HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE POSITIONS IN THE GOQ. SHAYKH HAMAD, HIMSELF, IS IN HIS MID-TWENTIES.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST GOQ REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL TRAINING IN THE U.S. IN ANY FIELD. EMBASSY WISHES TO BE PROMPTLY RESPONSIVE, SO PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RE POSSIBILITIES. TRAINING OF THESE QATARIS WILL SERVE OUR OBJECTIVES OF EXPOSING QATARIS TO A U.S. EXPERIENCE, INTRODUCING U.S. EXPERTISE INTO THIS COUNTRY, AND POSSIBLY EXPANDING U.S. COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES HERE.
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